

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
EXTENDING THE PROTOCOL
BETWEEN THE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF CHINA
AND THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND THE NATIONAL NATURAL SCIENCES FOUNDATION OF CHINA
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON COOPERATION IN THE BASIC SCIENCES**

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Protocol on Basic Sciences signed on 16 January, 1995 in Beijing, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, as the first and lead signatory, on behalf of all Chinese signatories, and the U.S. National Science Foundation agree:

- I. The lapse of this protocol does not alter the validity or duration of specific activities undertaken by the parties during the interim period. They are hereby covered by this extension.
- II. The Protocol will remain in force until superceded by a subsequent instrument or terminated by advance written notice to the other party.
- III. The Protocol may be amended or extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

Done in Washington, DC this 27th day of March, 2006.

For the National Science Foundation
Of the United States of America

For the Chinese Academy of Sciences
of the People's Republic of China




